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Applicants : Bryan W. Shirk et al.
Serial No. : 09/817,672
Filed : March 26, 2001
For : BIODEGRADABLE VEHICLE
COMPONENTS
Group Art Unit : 3611
Examiner : Lee S. Lum
Attorney Docket No. : TRW(VSSIM)4686-1
Cleveland, OH 44114-1400

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION TO EXTEND PERIOD FOR RESPONSE

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicant hereby requests
a three (3) month extension of the period for response to the
Office Action mailed August 22, 2002. The response date set in
the Office Action was November 22, 2002. A response is being
filed herewith today, February 24, 2003, which is within the
third month after the response date. Enclosed is a check in
the amount of \$930.00, which is the fee for a three month
extension.

Accordingly, applicant hereby requests that the period for
response be extended by three (3) months so that the response
filed herewith will be considered timely filed.

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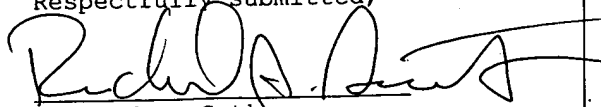
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Respectfully submitted,

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